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Applicant:	Arling et al.)	
Serial No.:	09/718,931)	Examiner: not yet assigned
Filed:	November 21, 2000)	Group Art Unit: 2711
Title:	MEDIA RETURN SYSTEM)	Docket No.: 81230.578001

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action; therefore, no fee is required.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(2)(i), a copy of each U.S. patent listed on Form 1449 is enclosed herewith.

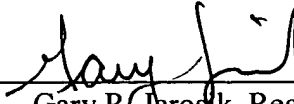
Also in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(2)(iii) copies of the U.S. patent applications listed on Form 1449 (09/418,091 and 09/611,620) are not enclosed herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104, no representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 and Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

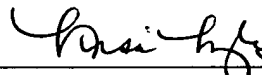
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s): **S. Freeman**

Case: **SAR 13471**

Serial No.: **09/470,501**

Filed: **December 22, 1999**

Group Art Unit: **2711**

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SMOOTHING SPLICED
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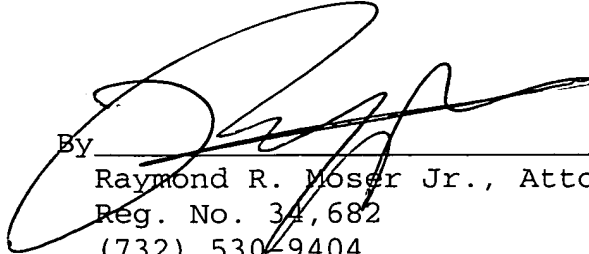
Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R.1.97(e)(1) Certification

The applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. These references were uncovered by a search recently conducted by the European Patent Office acting as the International Searching Authority in applicants' counterpart PCT patent application. The mailing date of the Search Report is March 29, 2001 and this Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of that date. A copy of each reference that is designated as category "X", "Y" or "L", the International Search Report and a completed PTO-1449 is enclosed.

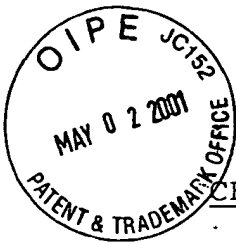
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